November 16, 1999, and to U.S.S.N. 60/109,024, filed November 17, 1998. The contents of these applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety. U.S.S.N. 09/442,849, filed November 17, 1999, also claims priority to U.S.S.N. 09/443,199, filed November 16, 1999.--

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 9, 10, 12, 19-45, 52, 53, add new claims 54-55, and replace the pending claims with the following:

- (Twice Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule consisting of the polymorphic nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 509.
- (Amended) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, wherein said nucleic acid molecule is DNA.
- (Amended) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, wherein said nucleic acid molecule is RNA.
- 4. (Twice Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule wherein said nucleic acid molecule comprises: a) between 10 and 50 nucleotides of SEQ ID NO: 509 and b) the nucleotide corresponding to position 26 of SEQ ID NO: 509, wherein said nucleotide is not an adenine.
- 5. (Twice Amended) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 4, wherein said nucleic acid molecule is between 10 and 40 nucleotides.
- 6. (Twice Amended) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 4, wherein said nucleic acid molecule is between 10 and 30 nucleotides.

- 14. (Twice Amended) An isolated allele-specific oligonucleotide that hybridizes to the polymorphic nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 509.
- 46. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule consisting of a sequence complementary to the polymorphic nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 509.
- 47. (Amended) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 46, wherein said nucleic acid molecule is DNA.
- 48. (Amended) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 46, wherein said nucleic acid molecule is RNA.
- 49. (Amended) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 46, wherein said nucleic acid molecule is between 10 and 50 nucleotides.
- 50. (Amended) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 46, wherein said nucleic acid molecule is between 10 and 40 nucleotides.
- 51. (Amended) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 46, wherein said nucleic acid molecule is between 10 and 30 nucleotides.
- -- 54. (New) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 4, wherein the nucleotide at position 26 is a guanosine.
- 55. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule consisting of a sequence complementary to the isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 4. --